

U.S. BUILDS "HUTS" FOR NEGRO WORKMEN AT NITRO, W. VA.

Modern and Well-Equipped Building Under Direction of Negro Secretaries—Associate Secretary Reports Increased Morale and Efficiency as Result.

No policy was better calculated to increase the efficiency and morale of the army at the front, than that inaugurated by the Government with reference to the Negro workmen in the power plant at Nitro, West Virginia.

At a cost of \$150,000 a modern and well-equipped U. S. A. building has been erected for the Negro workmen at Nitro, W. Va. It is provided with billiard tables, bowling alleys, shower baths, a fountain, a library of 1,000 volumes and 20 current periodicals, a movie theater and a gymnasium for indoor activities and a swimming pool are soon to be installed.

The supervision of the building and the "hut" work is under the direction of Negro secretaries. These men, who are college men, two of them having studied at Chicago University, "The Negro" employees are given broad training and experience and are capable of winning the confidence of the white workmen and employer, means that this splendid effort by the Government will benefit the best results.

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Y. M. C. A. HAS NINETY COLORED SECRETARIES IN 28 OVERSEAS

New York, Oct. 30.—Announcement was made this week by the Personnel Division of the Young Men's Christian Association that there are now 90 colored secretaries in 28 overseas.

The general impression prevails that by the first of the year the number of colored Y. M. C. A. secretaries doing war work will exceed the entire staff.

This work is one of the reasons the Y. M. C. A. will continue to expand the week of November 15th. At that time the Y. M. C. A. will have 100 colored secretaries in 30 overseas. National Catholic War Council and Knights of Columbus, Jewish Welfare League, Y. W. C. A., Y. N. C. A., American Library Association and American Army, will ask the people to contribute \$100,000,000 to carry on their work.

Y. W. C. A. HAS NEARLY ONE HUNDRED COLORED WOMEN IN CAMPS

New York, Oct. 30.—War work among colored women under the direction of the Y. W. C. A. is growing in scope and number. Just one year ago Miss Eva D. Buxton, executive secretary, was the only colored woman in the field.

Today there are nearly one hundred.

The Y. W. C. A. has opened eight colored hostess houses. Three more are to be opened by December 1, and the establishment of four additional hostess houses is being planned.

Home in the one and only place in camp where a soldier is reminded of home, the Y. W. C. A. has shown every boy in khaki by Y. W. C. A. women.

The female relatives and friends of soldiers have found the hostess houses the most ideal spot to meet, greet and cheer a visitor.

Camp Igloo, L. I., was the first camp in which a hostess house was established. The first colored woman in the field was Miss Eva D. Buxton, executive secretary, who was the only colored woman in the field.

EXECUTIVE OF NATIONAL RELIEF CO. PRAISES NEGRO SOLDIERS

Mr. W. B. Fisher, executive secretary of the National Relief Council, has praised the Negro soldiers for their courage and bravery. He said that the Negro soldiers are the most courageous and brave of any race.

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REQUEST OF \$100,000 FOR COLORED ORPHANS

Washington, Oct. 30.—The Colored Orphan Society has received a notice of a donation of \$100,000 to the society for the purpose of caring for colored orphans.

NEXT DRAFT IS UNCERTAIN

There has been no change in the draft situation so far as Negroes are concerned, since the last issue of the Argonaut. The only call for men so far has been for 50 from Missouri to go to Camp Funston, near the city of St. Louis. The quota for this draft is 50 men. These will consist of men from June 1 and Aug. 31 registrations. Although no call has been made to the registrars of Class 1 colored men from the September 1 registration, the order from General Crowder may come at any time. It is expected that the first draft will be heavy and word boards are rushing to the front.

Several of the wards have been sending questionnaires to the older registrars in the past week, and the list is being filled.

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ANCELL TO HEAD LOCAL CONSERVATION

Mr. James H. Ancell, Negro Director of the Conservation Commission, arrived in St. Louis on Oct. 25th in the interest of the Conservation Commission. He is the first Negro to hold this position.

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G. W. KING APPOINTED TO POSITION IN POST OFFICE

Mr. G. W. King, 3125 Goulard Avenue, is among the few who have received appointments from Postmaster General Clegg. He is the first Negro to hold this position.

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RACE RIOT FOLLOWS SLAPPING OF COLORED WOMAN BY WHITE STEWARD

Negroes and Foreigners in Battle at Ou Point Munition Factory in Louisiana.

Several hours after the first reports were received the soldiers and a company of Home Guards were patrolling the streets of Houma. The first shot was fired by a white man. The first shot was fired by a white man.

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